

INTIMATIONS.

HOUSING COMMISSION.

The Undersigned would be glad to receive in writing on or before the 20th inst. suggestions from members of the general public in regard to—

- 1.—(1) The standardisation (with the object of reducing the cost of buildings) of
 - (a) Designs for houses,
 - (b) Fixtures and fittings for houses.
- (2) The reduction of the cost of building materials.
- (3) The use of cheaper or more suitable kinds of building materials.
- (4) The greater employment of labour saving machines or devices.
- (5) Improved methods for the transportation of building materials.
- (6) Procuring an increased supply of skilled labourers.
- (7) Reducing the number of middlemen.
- (8) Other methods for reducing the cost of house construction.

2.—Measures which should be taken by the Government

- (1) To increase the quantity of housing accommodation and in particular
- (2) To facilitate the building of more houses for occupation by
- (3) Persons of moderate means
- (4) The working classes

H. E. POLLACK,
Chairman, Housing Commission,
Prince's Buildings,
9th April, 1923.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st April, 1923, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.
Agents
Hongkong, April 4, 1923.

THE HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, 67/69, Des Voeux Road Central, on MONDAY, 30th April, 1923, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Auditors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1922, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
E. PEPPERELL,
Acting Secretary
Hongkong, April 10, 1923.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 10th May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1922.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 26th instant to the 10th May, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1923.

THE HONGKONG IRON MINING CO., LTD.

MR. LESLIE SOLBE GREENHILL has been appointed Secretary to the above Company vice Mr. MOWERY STAFFORD NORTHCOTT resigned with effect from 7th March, 1923.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. P. CHATER,
Chairman,
Hongkong, April 18, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, 5th May, 1923, Draw Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close on Saturday, 4th April, 1923.
Hongkong, April 18, 1923.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS WANTED.

MESSRS. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON of No. 21, Des Voeux Road Central, Solicitors, have for investment the sum of \$300,000, and are prepared to consider applications for the advancement of the same on first class Mortgages of house property.

Hongkong, April 19, 1923.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 3rd day of May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolution the following, namely:

1. That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited and with the view thereto this Company by wound up voluntarily and that Horace Percy Smith of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.
2. That the Conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of The Hongkong Central Estate Limited, be and the same is hereby approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to carry the said Agreement into effect with such (if any) modification either before or after the execution thereof as they may think fit.

N.B.—A copy of such said Conditional Agreement may be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid and at the office of Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid Solicitors to the Company.

2.—For the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the meeting.

A print of such new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid and at the office of Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid Solicitors to the Company.

3.—That the aforesaid 40,000 shares of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, shall in pursuance of clause 8 of the aforesaid Conditional Agreement be allotted as and from the 2nd day of July, 1923, to members who are on the Register of Shareholders of this Company on the date of the confirmation by this Company of the said agreement.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY

ALSO GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the 24th day of May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolutions.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1923.

By Order of the Board,

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary to the General Managers.

N.B.—The necessary steps will be taken to divide each of the existing 50,000 shares of \$100 each constituting the present Capital of \$5,000,000 of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, into four fully paid up shares of \$25 each and thereafter to increase the said Capital from \$5,000,000 to an authorised capital of \$10,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of \$25 each.

Should the meeting approve of such new Articles, with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution namely:

(b) That the new Articles already approved by this meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles therof.

Should the above mentioned Resolutions (b) and (c) be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Should the second of the above Resolutions (b) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the

said Capital from \$5,000,000 to an authorised capital of \$10,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of \$25 each.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of April, 1923, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 70 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 70 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Area Rent.	Upfront Price.
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TIME TABLE

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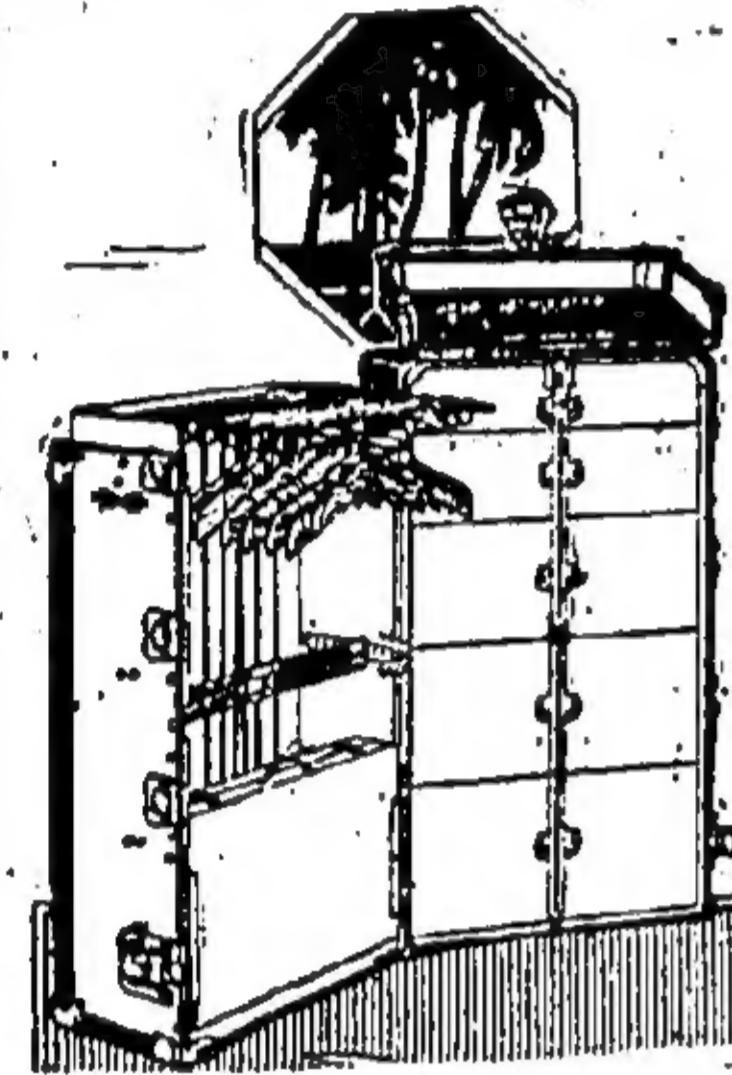
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1923.

ANOTHER GERMAN REVOLUTION?

Although Germany's Nationalist leader, Karl Helfferich, has said in the Reichstag that the Monarchs "would not use this moment—the Ruhr crisis—to launch a revolution," signs are not wanting that the Republic still faces a serious menace. Latest reports from Bavaria, the chief Royalist centre, are very disquieting. Matters have evidently become acute when the local authorities feel constrained to implore the Central Government to suspend measures against the Nationalist leaders, whose arrests have been ordered, lest open conflict result. This delicate situation has arisen through the growing boldness of Germany's Mussolini, an Austrian house painter named Adolf Hitler who served during the war as a simple soldier in the German army and now commands a very strong following who blindly obey his bidding. This fanatic preacher of ruthlessness has defied the Bavarian Government. Indeed, he has declared war upon it—"war to the knife"—and has announced his intention to "attack at nothing" in order to attain his purposes. These purposes are perhaps best indicated by his adherents' uniform, now a familiar feature in the Munich streets. Organised in storm troops, they wear field-grey with the old empire colours and the "swastika," Bavaria's recognised symbol of anti-Semitism. Thus Hitler not only opposes the Republic but he is also the sworn foe of the Jews. His anti-Semitism (which, incidentally, drove Einstein abroad) is easily explained. When the revolution broke out, Bavaria came under the sway of the Communists. Very soon, however, the reaction began. Nationalist leaders like Ludendorff, seizing their opportunity, made

Munich their stronghold. A war-cry was needed and easily supplied. "Anti-Semitism" was felt to meet the case. A simple formula was framed: "The world's capital is Jewish; Marxism is Jewish; Marxism and capitalism are responsible for the desperate straits the world is in. Therefore 'Down with the Jews!' The world's salvation depends on the destruction of the Jews." This cry soon inflamed the populace. Hitler saw his chance and became the leader. The movement, which gained heavy impetus when Mussolini accomplished his coup, reached frenzy pitch when the French invaded the Ruhr. This pervasive madness was Ludendorff's chance. Playing upon the popular passion, he glorified the old regime and openly urged revolt against the Republic. His speeches showed that his aims closely resembled those of Hitler. Seemingly he is still making mischief, for yesterday's cables report him taking a review of a thinly disguised Nationalist body styled the Reichsflagge. Whether Hitler with his fanaticism and Ludendorff with his iron resolve can command large enough numbers outside Bavaria to launch revolt is not clear. The Bavarian Minister of the Interior, yesterday's cables added, assured the Diet that the Government is strong enough to repress any excesses, but the last time the Government took a bold stand it speedily broke down and Hitler was allowed to carry out his programme unopposed. This collapse was said to have been due to the intervention of the commander-in-chief of the Reichswehr. Significant is it, therefore, that members of the Reichswehr participated in the Reichsflagge parade before Ludendorff. Perhaps the best guarantee against any violent upheaval lies in the hostile attitude of Germany's working men who are watching the proceedings with distrust and reserve. The movement of the Communists into Hitler's mad schemes. That Germany's working men are now more anxious for settled conditions than political upheavals is clearly

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Singapore papers announce the death at the age of 64, of Mrs. Pennefather.

Mr. E. E. Chambers has assumed the Management of the Chartered Bank at Penang.

Mr. O. C. Taik, of Pudu, F. M. S. has decided to take up an appointment in one of the schools in Hongkong.

The Marquis of Worcester, son and heir of the Duke of Beaufort, is engaged to the Queen's niece, Lady Mary Cambridge.

Mr. S. C. Young will shortly leave Kuala Lumpur for China, where he will take up the management of a mercantile firm.

The Evening Standard states that Sir Henry Sharp, Secretary to the Government of India, is engaged to Miss Margaret Armbriderham.

The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Harry Shepard Knapp, U.S.N., in his seventy-seventh year. Rear-Admiral Knapp was Chief of Staff of the Pacific Fleet in 1907-8.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, Lady Leveson, and their daughter, were received in audience by the Empress of Japan on April 2, in the Hall of the Phoenix at the Imperial Palace.

Mr. W. A. Gibson, general manager of Australasian Films, Ltd., was recently in Singapore. He is making a business tour through the East where he expects to extend the firm's interests.

The "Dongola" took away from Singapore a familiar figure in the person of Inspector J. Kennedy, who goes home on retirement after a long service, first in the army and then in the Straits Settlements Police.

Mr. T. Funatsu, Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, who was formerly in Hongkong, has been transferred to Mukden. Mr. S. Yada, formerly Consul-General at San Francisco, and Hawaii, succeeds Mr. Funatsu at Shanghai.

Take Care of Yourself.
If you want a clear head and good digestion, you must not let you bowls become choked with poisonous waste from the body, as is always the case when you become constipated. Proper food and a regimen of water and exercise will help you to keep your bowels regular. Who that has ever had to take Chamberlain's "Tonic" does not feel more fit and pleasant in body? The tea is made by all Chinese and Americans.

SINGAPORE MURDER.

WEALTHY EURASIAN STRANGLED.

shown by a cable received to-day reporting that Dusseldorf unemployed, unless the Government repairs their grievances, will take service with the French. Unless it is empty bluff, that decision speaks volumes.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow the St. Joseph's College Sports will be held at the Race Course. Tea will be served from 4.30 p.m.

Two Chinese cases of plague, three Chinese cases of small-pox and a Chinese case of enteric fever were reported yesterday.

Valuation lists for the Colony for the year 1922-1923 can be inspected at the Treasury for 21 days commencing to-morrow.

A man who is believed to be insane jumped into the harbour from the s.s. "Wing On" on the vessel's arrival from Canton. He was rescued and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

For carrying sixteen passengers in excess of the number stated in his licence, the master of the steamer launch "Takking" who had sixteen previous convictions was fined \$150 at the Marine Court yesterday. For a similar offence, the master of the "Wa Sun" with eleven previous convictions was fined \$250, the number of excess passengers being 24. The master of the "Tong Yien" was fined \$30 for failing to observe the rule of the road.

There are not infrequently stories in the Japanese papers of body-snatching or even murder for the sake of getting a brain or liver for consumption by some person who has some disease of the organ abstracted—a sort of crude organo-therapeutics, says the *Japan Chronicle*. Japanese papers the other day reported the case of a Chinese who, arrested for thefts in Nankin-machi, "confessed" that he had kidnapped two children in Kobe and sent them to Shanghai for the extraction of their livers to make *Rokushin-gan*, a febrifuge popular in Japan. The accused said that he had obtained the children from another Chinese, and when the police had arrested a number of other Chinese and got on the track of the supposed kidnapper, this original kidnapper was found to be a person deceased. The question naturally arises as to why a man charged with petty theft should confess to complicity in murder. It is hardly less relevant to ask whether the police really believe that when Chinese sell to Japanese, medicines that they profess to contain human liver, they are really so honest as to supply what they profess to be supplying.

CARPENTERS' DISPUTE.

NOW PARTLY SETTLED.

Hopes are entertained of settling the dispute at a week or so in connection with the dispute over the house carpenters' wages. The men complained about the rendering of a clause in the agreement made last year whereby they were to get an increase of fifteen cents per day. They insisted that the contractors and sub-contractors by whom they were employed should pay them the increase irrespective of the job they were engaged upon. The contractors were of the opinion that on contracts made prior to the last agreement which did not allow for an increase in wages they could not pay the higher wage.

The room occupied by the deceased was on the ground floor, and opened direct on to the porch. The bed was to the right of the front door, and it was through this door that the assailants came in, after it had been opened by the man who first got in through the window.

The police are making careful investigation into the affair. There is now possibility of the guilty persons being secured and brought to justice.

WEST RIVER STORM.

JUNK FOUNDERS IN HEAVY SQUALL.

On Tuesday, the Canton-Shihling passenger junk "Luen Wo" encountered a heavy squall at Kau Hon, West River, and foundered. It is feared that of the 300 passengers on board, about 100 were drowned.

While anchored at Samshui, the s.s. "Salain" and "Nanning" collided during the squall, the "Salain" being damaged. The "Kwong Foon" broke away from her moorings and narrowly missed collision with the other two ships. Many buildings in Samshui were damaged in the storm, wreckage being blown into the harbour.

HELD BY PIRATES.

CAPTIVES BEING TORTURED?

A number of letters purporting to have been written by the commandante, a clerk, two or three tallymen and others of the s.s. "Wing Ping" which was pirated some time ago, whilst on a voyage between Hongkong and Canton, have been received by the ship's owners, the Lee Hong Steamship Co., of Connaught Road. The letters state that the writers are suffering torture at the hands of their captors, who kidnapped them after the piracy, and beg the company to open negotiations for their ransom. The writers mention that they are often ill-treated and their essential needs neglected. The name of the place where they are detained is also given but the company is not told how to communicate with the pirates.

No direct demand has been made by the company but the owners are willing to negotiate. The "Wing Ping" has been taken off the Hongkong-Canton run and placed on the Hongkong-Wuchow service.

Inspector Caygill told His Worship that defendants, who had come down from Shanghai, gave themselves up at the Central Station at nine o'clock last night. They stated that they had no work, no food and nowhere to sleep.

His Worship made an order for defendants to be committed to the House of Detention; during their stay there the police will endeavour to obtain work for them.

TELL STORY.

NEW FAR EAST LINE.

SPANISH ROYAL MAIL LINE.

STEAMERS TO CALL HERE.

Messrs. Botelho Bros., agents for the Compania Transatlantica de Barcelona (Spanish Royal Mail Line) advise that this Company are extending their line to China and Japan. Heretofore these steamers have made Manila their terminal port but beginning with the s.s. "Legasti," which sails from Barcelona on the 25th instant, they will touch at Hongkong both on the outward and homeward voyages. The steamers of this line are fitted for the carriage of passengers and cargo.

PROPERTY BOOM.

PUNJAB BUILDINGS SOLD.

Punjab Buildings, the block of houses on Inland lot 542, on Granville Road near the Club de Recreio have been sold. The area is about 94,000 square feet. Mr. Fred Ellis, the owner, has sold the block to Messrs. Yu Kwan-mo and Chan Tsing-chuen for over \$650,000 or about \$7.25 per foot.

Originally built to house the N.C.O.'s of the Army stationed in Kowloon, the block has, for some time past, presented a dilapidated appearance.

WORKLESS AND FOODLESS.

TWO BRITISHERS ON THE ROCKS.

Albert E. Jackson and Thomas O'Connor, both British, were charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning with being vagrants.

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TELL STORY.

SHIP'S COOK AND MAN WHO LOST HIS MONEY.

A Chinese who could speak a little English appeared before Mr. J. F. Wood this morning on a charge of stowing away on board the s.s. "Victoria" from Sandakan. Defendant was stated to have been discovered concealed under a bed in the storage hold.

A cook gave evidence as to finding defendant, stating that he was found in the pantry.

"That not true; he tell story" said the defendant, whereupon the Magistrate addressed witness: "Hiding under a bed you say?"

"Witness: 'Yes.'"

"His Worship: 'In the pantry?'"

"Witness then altered his statement to the effect that defendant was discovered in the steerage hold."

The cook added that he asked defendant for his ticket, the latter replying that he had lost it.

Defendant again remarked: "That not true; he tell story."

In the box, defendant said that he had been living at Tarkan and boarded the ship at Sandakan with \$61.50. It had been his intention to pay for his passage, when on board the ship. When he was asked for his fare, he found that his pocket had been picked. He could raise sufficient money in Hongkong to pay the fare.

His Worship expressed the opinion that what defendant said could be believed and discharged him.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN POLLOCK LOWE.

There passed away at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 14th inst., Mr. John Pollock Lowe, a gentleman well-known and highly esteemed in the Far East. Mr. Lowe early in the eighties first came to the East as an officer connected with the then well-known Torres Strait Line, which was later known as the E. & A. Co.'s line. In 1882, he joined the China Merchants' and, until 1903, when he took over the business of Messrs. Thomas Macdonald & Co., he commanded many of the C.M.'s vessels.

Mr. Lowe, who was born in Rothsay, Scotland, seventy years ago, was of kindly and genial temperament. He was a member of the Rose Club, Lawn Bowls Club, Golf Club and the Masonic Club. Deceased leaves a widow and nephew (Mr. James Lowe, of Messrs. Macdonald & Co.) to whom sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

MR. L. L. LOPEZ.

A well-known Portuguese resident died yesterday, Mr. L. L. Lopez, of the Hongkong Electric Company. Mr. Lopez, who was about 60 years of age, had been ill for some time. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. O. da Silva, who died a few weeks ago. He has a brother in the Chinese Customs and leaves a widow, with whom the many friends of the family will deeply sympathise.

The funeral passes the Monument at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

VALEDICTORY.

MR. W. F. FINCHER'S RETIREMENT.

One of the oldest public servants here, Mr. W. F. Fincher, of the Sanitary Department, is retiring on pension and left this morning for his home in Australia by the "Yoshina Maru." During his 30 years residence in Hongkong Mr. Fincher and his sons have been very actively identified with the game of cricket and as official scorer he accompanied the Civil Service team on nearly every match.

Mr. Fincher has been acting Senior Inspector during the past few years and for a considerable time has been in charge of the Sanitary Depot at Kowloon. He did valuable work as a plague inspector many years ago and also during and after the 1900 typhoon. Presentations have been made to Mr. Fincher both by his colleagues in the Sanitary Department and by the Civil Service Cricket Club.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

Peking, April 10.

A mandate appointing Shan Shao-tang as collector for the festival of Wei-hai-wei—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

NEW 20,000 TON P. & O. LINER.

"MALOJA" LAUNCHED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 19.

The P. & O. liner "Maloja," 20,000 tons, has been launched at Belfast for the Australian trade. She will accommodate 545 passengers.

BEING CREM

ULL AT CANTON.

WHAT SUN IS DOING

SHORTAGE OF FUNDS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 20.

Latest information to hand states that there was a comparative lull in the fighting, particularly in Canton's environs, yesterday. Sun Yat-sen has been actively taking part in directing movements, making inspections at various points. He proceeded in a gun-boat along the river and is said to have returned to his headquarters at the Cement Works on Howan. He is reported to have issued orders to concentrate on the Yuen-Han Railway which is still in the hands of the Kwangsi-ites.

Owing to shortage of funds and ammunition, Sun's adherents are making frantic efforts to raise money.

YUNNAN TROOPS SUCCESS.

Official reports have been issued to the effect that the Canton Arsenal was captured by the Yunnanese from the Kwangsi-ites in the afternoon of Wednesday. Reinforced by Liao Tsun-wan's troops rushed up by the Kowloon-Canton Railway from Shinkung, the Yunnanese are stated to have commenced a determined attack on the Arsenal at noon and to have entered it at three. An unofficial report states that the Kwangsi-ites counter-attacked shortly afterwards and dislodged the Yunnanese. Towards evening the Kwangsi-ites retired and the Yunnanese are stated to be in possession.

Looting by the Kwangsi-ites at Shinkung, Shing and Taihong after the fall of the Arsenal has been reported.

The vernacular press while admitting that Sun Yat-sen's troops have succeeded in driving Shun's troops from the vicinity of Canton and have the initial advantage, point out that only the Kwangsi forces under Li Yik-syu have been defeated and that the main strength under Shun, along the Yuen-Han Railway up to Shinkung have not been attacked as yet. General trend of opinion foreshadows further fighting in the North River District.

Well-informed circles consider the White Cloud Mountains to have been the Kwangsi-ites first line and the approaches to the Arsenal their second line. They are now falling back on Ko Tong and causing destruction wherever they pass.

While one section of Yunnanese were attacking the Arsenal, other detachments were pushing forward in the direction of Sutien where considerable fighting took place.

Early yesterday, the Yunnanese advanced in the direction of Sun Kai with machine-guns and field-pieces. It is stated that aeroplane bombers are to assist in that direction.

The pro-Sun forces aided by the River Defence Flotilla are to attack Shinkung, a vulnerable point in the Kwangsi-ites line of communications.

PRESENT POSITION.

The position at present is that the Kwangsi-ites, unable to hold their original positions in the vicinity of Canton, are converging on the Yuen-Han Railway, which they occupy except for the terminus at Wong-sha, and to fall back on Shinkung if necessary. General Shun's headquarters and main force are at Shinkung, the northern terminus of the railway. On the other hand, the pro-Sun forces are struggling for the re-capture of the railway with a view to keeping the Kwangsi-ites as far from Canton as possible.

To prevent disorder and outrage, the Yunnanese commander has notified that certain crimes against the civil population are punishable by shooting.

Confirmation of our correspondent's advice yesterday to the effect that the pro-Sun troops have re-questioned arms and ammunition from civil volunteers has been received in the form of a telegram to merchants in Hongkong, published in the vernacular press to-day, protesting against the commander-in-chief.

FIGHTING IN FOUR PLACES.

The following is taken from yesterday's *Canton Daily News*. The Constitutional forces have now succeeded in capturing the arsenal (4 p.m. on Wednesday). The Kwangsi-ites were driven back ten miles.

It is the desire of the Generalissimo that the present fighting should be over within two weeks, it is stated. The Constitutional forces throughout Kwangtung, especially those along the West and the North River districts, have been ordered accordingly.

At present active fighting is in progress in four different places inside frontiers. General Sun Pao-fang, an ally of Shun Hung-ying, is operating against the Constitutionalists in Lin Kong

LOOKING AHEAD.

HONGKONG PEDESTRIAN'S LOT.

Here you have a peep into the future. "Chug-chug! Br-br-br! Honk! Honk! Zip! Zip!"

The unhappy pedestrian paused in the H.K. Hotel—he seemed lost. A motor cycle rushed by from one side, a motor car from another, behind him a big motor lorry thundered and another clanged in front of him. Above him two aeroplanes were rapidly descending and a big air-bus, was signalling to him to get out of the way. Then he gave a sigh of relief as he saw a manhole in the street. Quickly he lifted it and leapt downwards from danger—only to be run over by an underground train.

This happy little paragraph comes from the latest *Yellow Dragon*, Queen's College magazine, which well maintains this month its usual sprightly standard. The recent Old Boys' Association annual dinner naturally receives generous notice. The editorial, the school notes and some post-prandial reflections all give ample proof that the reunion remains a very pleasant memory. Among other interesting item the following may be noted:—

Overheard in the Common Room: Mr. Crook reading out of a big book: "The Chinese knew about coal at a very early date." "That may be so," continued our human encyclopaedia, "but they certainly didn't know how to use it."

"They know how to use it now, anyway," growled Mr. Reeve who has just started housekeeping.

RIVAL OF BRIDGE.

MAH-JONGG CRAZE IN LONDON.

London (says the *Daily Mail*) is in the grip of a new game which has already taken so great a hold in the United States as largely to supplant the playing of bridge. "Mah-Jongg," as it is called, is of Chinese origin, and has been the rage in China for 2,000 years. It remains the most popular game both there and in Japan.

Its introduction into this country has been brought about by visitors to the East. "Mah-Jongg" is played with 136 pieces similar to dominoes. They are made from bamboo faced with bone. The face of each "tile" is engraved in colours with Chinese ideographs.

To come unawares on a party of "Mah-Jongg" enthusiasts is at first disconcerting. No sound is audible except the occasional muttering of "Pung," "Gong," or "Chow," as the players claim their scores.

After a game arguments as to what a player should have done are varied from the monotony of "If only you'd played the six of spades," etc., by heated references to "the three of Tiao," "the eight of Tung," and why "East Wind" should have played his "Red Dragon."

On inquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon it was learned that the condition of Mr. Chan Wing Hsin was much the same as it was yesterday.

On April 10, General Mu Hung of the Cantonese Army, led a force to attack Sun Pao-fang, compelling the latter to retreat towards the Kwangsi border. Yang Chun-yu and Chan Kwing-kuang, two former commanders under General Chan Kwing-ming, are fighting at Hoyuen and vicinity up the East River, Yang now siding with the present Canton regime, while Chan still clings to his brother, Chan Kwing-ming. Wong Ming-tong, an adherent of Dr. Sun, and Chang Lu-fang, now claiming to be with Dr. Sun, also, have been fighting at Tong-hip, in Kaochow, apparently because of some misunderstanding. Chen Tien-tai, a pro-Sun commander, is to attack Chang Hsi-chi, one of the officers of Shun Hung-ying, at Shihung.

NEWS VIA PEKING.

PEKING, April 19. It is reported in a message from Canton, dated April 17, that after being at first repulsed, Shun Hung-ying's forces returned to the attack reinforced by 4,000 of Li Chiang-ping's followers.

Shun Hung-ying has ordered the troops from the northern districts to move towards Canton.

Sun Yat-sen wired asking the warships to come to his assistance.

The Yunnanese forces are reported to be running short of ammunition.

Hsu Chung-chin arrived at Chao-chow on the 14th inst., and he is expected at Swatow before the end of the week.

It is reported that the Captain second-in-command of one of the warships at Swatow has been assassinated. —Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

CANTON FINANCES.

RAILWAY WHARF TO BE SOLD.

A notification over the name of Yeung Sa Ngan, Finance Commissioner, Canton, announces that "owing to necessity of urgent funds" the wharf of the Canton-Samshu Railway at the Western Creek, (i.e. on the Western Bund near the Steamboat Co.'s wharves) will be sold by tender at an upset price of \$150,000. "Tai Yeung" currency (about equal to Hongkong currency). Tenders must be accompanied with a deposit of \$7,500 and will be publicly opened at the Finance Bureau at 1 p.m. on April 23. The sale is stated to be open to "all classes."

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The final in the open Championship Singles in the H.K.C.C. tournament between O. Runjahn and Thomas Lay will be played to-day at 4.30 p.m. The winner meets Mr. Ng Sze-kwong in the Challenge Round on Monday, April 23, at the same time.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

The Members of the ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ASSOCIATION will be AT HOME to parents of scholars and friends of the College, at the Race Course, on the occasion of the eighth Annual Athletic Sports.

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NOTICE.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

IRISH REBELLION.

LONDON, April 18th.

Feenan's *Journal* dismisses Monsignor Luzzo, (Vatican representative) as a factor in the Irish settlement and declares that his private business in Ireland has ended. He had no mission to the Free State Government, and did not carry credentials appropriate for such purpose. The article adds that apparently it was thought in some quarters that, under shelter of the Monsignor's robe, the rebels who had been warring upon the Irish people and Government would be set up as a political party, to be placated by agreements and compromises over the people's heads and behind the people's backs. Monsignor Luzzo would make a disastrous mistake if he gave countenance to any such intrigue.

The paper concludes by saying that when the rebels attack their arms and observe obedience to the nation's laws, they can have peace.

The article has attracted attention because it is supposed in some quarters to represent the Government's views.

[A cable message dated April, 11th stated:—"An early and important development of the Irish situation is anticipated as the outcome of informal conversations between the members of the Irish Hierarchy, exploring peace proposals. The conversations have culminated in a long meeting of Bishops in Dublin to-day, presided over by Cardinal Logue, and attended by the Vatican representative, Monsignor Luzzo."]

London, April 18th.

The capture of Dan Green leaves De Valera as the only outstanding Republican

at large.

ROYALTY AND LABOUR.

LONDON, April 18th.

The Duke of York, presiding over the

same emotions as Harry, Douglas

Russell unfortunately could hear

nothing.

In another room the headpieces of the transmitter were affixed to Harry. "A smile spread over his face. His hands, instead of beating time, swept through the air in curves and sweeps. He was hearing properly for the first time in his life!"

Unfortunately the miracle was not repeated either with Hood or

Russell. Dennis, it is true, was

able to distinguish the rhythm, but

no more, while Douglas could only

feel a prickling sensation.

Ex-Kaiser and St. George.

It would be interesting to know

the reason that prompted the ex-

Kaiser to have a silver statuette of

St. George and the Dragon, imme-

diately in front of himself and

his bride on the wedding luncheon

at Doorn (observes the *Daily*

Chronicle). England has not exactly

a monopoly of St. George, but that

mythical hero has no connection

with Germany, though he is one of

the national saints of Russia and

also the patron saint of Georgia.

Perhaps the statuette of St. George

was meant to remind the guests

that the ex-Kaiser still claims to be

a Prince of Great Britain and Ire-

land, as was evident by the des-

cription of himself he supplied to

the Dutch authorities when notifying

his wedding just before the

ceremony.

BRITAIN AND THE RUHR.

LONDON, April 18th.

The report of the British Labour De-

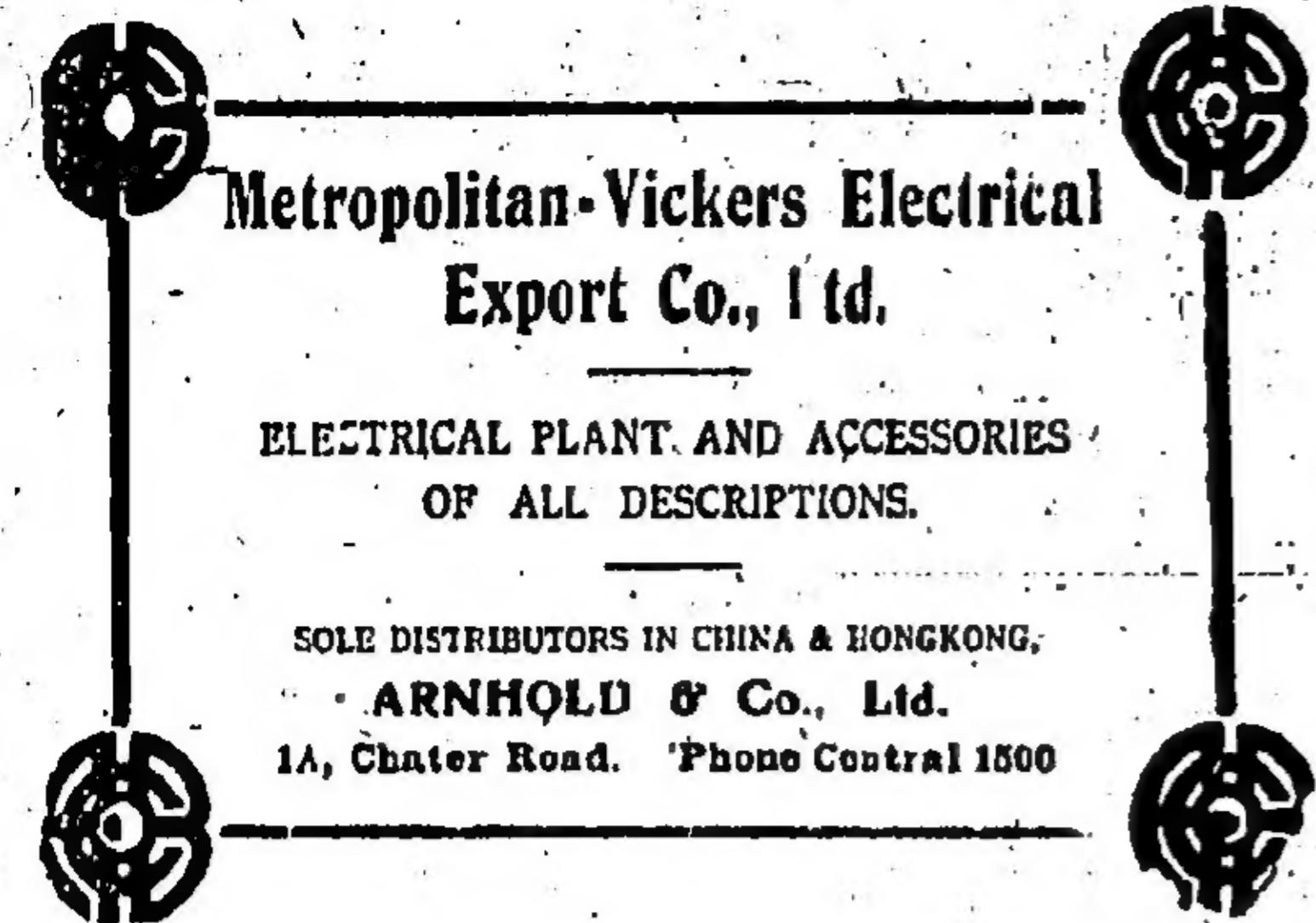
legation, which has investigated the

situation in the Ruhr area, suggests that

Great Britain should take the initia-

tive and form a frank statement of policy.

France and Germany should be asked to



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SHIPPING.

THE TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE.

JAPANESE COMMENTS.

Japanese papers have lately had a good deal to say about the unremunerativeness of the Trans-Pacific trade, says the *Japan Chronicle*. Some time ago there was a list of the losses sustained on every voyage by the principal Japanese steamers. Notwithstanding that Japanese buyers have recently bought an old P. & O. and an old Dollar Line steamer for the purpose, it is said, of engaging in the Pacific lumber trade, which is flourishing again. Perhaps because the wish is father to the thought, there have also been numerous statements made about the low water in which the American companies find themselves and their probable withdrawal from the stern competition of the Pacific route. The allocation to the Columbia Pacific Company of the West Naga does not much like withdrawal, but the *Manichi* now comes out with a statement that, according to the American Shipping Board report, the Admiral Liner lost \$100,000 on every trip. We had heard nothing of this remarkable loss, and surely if it were really reported, such a fine record-breaking achievement would have been well advertised! On the strength of this loss, the *Manichi* says, the Admiral Line will throw up the sponge in June. It is true the statement is not made quite positively, but even when it is reported that the Admiral Liner is believed to have decided, one would expect that there was something upon which to found the rumour. Inquiry at the Admiral Line office, however, elicited not only the statement but plenty of evidence that there is no foundation at all for the story. In spite of being "squeezed between the low rates" of the Japanese steamers and the superiority of the British steamers, the Admiral Line shows no signs of giving out, and is generally reckoned to be one of those who look forward with perfect equanimity and perhaps with pleasure to the offer of the Shipping Board fleet to the companies now running the ships. So the statement that "shipping competition for the Puget Sound lines will be alleviated by the withdrawal of the Admiral Liner" is not likely to be put to the proof. Shipping news in the Japanese papers is so very often quite wrong that one wonders what it is reported for. Certainly not for the dissemination of information, so presumably for other purposes.

LEVIATHAN NEARLY READY

Speaking before a number of steamship men at Newport News, Virginia, Mr. Homer Ferguson, the manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, reported that the great task of converting the "Leviathan" into an oil-burner was completed, and that the work of reconditioning the entire vessel was 85 per cent. finished. There was every prospect, he said, that the great vessel would leave New York for Europe on June 1, as scheduled. Mr. Ferguson described the vessel as the finest liner afloat, and said that whether she paid or not, her

reconditioning proved that American shipyards were capable of handling the hardest of jobs. Admiral Benson said the "Leviathan" would be the fastest vessel plying between the United States and Europe, and emphasised that they must have more money as fast if the country was to maintain its status in keeping with the 5-5-3 agreement. The Admiral startled the audience, by declaring that America's greatest foreign competitor has 112 merchant vessels capable of making twenty knots, while America has but three, including the "Leviathan."

GENERAL NOTES.

The Russian Government, reports the *Pravda*, has decided to declare Petrograd and Archangel free ports.

It is reported that the O.S.K. steamer "America-maru" is to be hired for the trip of Prince Nagako (Kinninomiya) through the Inland Sea on her visit to western Japan, Shikoku and Kyushu. The tour is planned for the latter part of May.

Official denial is given in Washington to reports that the United States Shipping Board has sold several ships to Germany. It is pointed out that no Government ship can be sold to foreign interests unless five commissioners of the Board consent in writing and give their reasons.

According to a cable just received by the Merchant Marine Service Association from the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, whose counsel acted on behalf of the association in defence of the interests of the second officer, the marine inquiry, held at Vancouver, British Columbia, into the loss of the Prince Line steamer "Tuscan Prince," which occurred on February 16, during very heavy weather, on Villing Island, Barclay Sound, B.C., has resulted in the master and all officers being absolved from blame.

A subject which the Export Sub-Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce has had before it—and the Shipping Sub-Committee—is the regulation of the China Homeward Freight Conference that, where freight is payable at destination for seeds and cereals, consignees pay freight on the shipping weight and not on the out-turn weight, which may be less than that indicated on the bill of lading. The views of the two Sub-Committees on this question are not yet available for publication.

It is authoritatively reported on Swan's side that the Tyne firm of Swan, Hunter, Wigham-Richardson, & Co., Ltd., have purchased a large site on the south bank of the Tees near Middlesbrough for the construction of a new shipyard. The rival claims of Clyde and Tees have been under consideration, and the choice has finally fallen upon the Tees. Steel mills for the production of plates exist on an adjoining site, and the district offers an abundance of skilled shipyard labour. It is understood that the Tees Conservancy Commissioners have given an undertaking to widen the River Tees so as to permit of the launching of the larger vessels.

APPRENTICE AT SEA.

SOME POINTS OF THE SYSTEM FOR REFORM.

A Shipping Correspondent of the *Observer* writes:

The apprentice system as it operates in the British mercantile marine is sadly in need of revision, both from the point of view of the boys themselves and that of their parents, many of whom would refrain indenturing their lads were they acquainted with the actual conditions of the service. Up to a few decades ago the embryo merchant-officer served his apprenticeship in sail. The decline of the sailing ship, however, has resulted in a new condition of things, and now there are comparatively few lads who receive their training in square-rigged ships. The British Board of Trade, as the result of careful inquiry, announced that 168 firms of British shipowners are prepared to take apprentices, but of this number only ten are the owners of sailing vessels.

The terms of engagement are usually for four years, or three years if the cadet has completed two years' preliminary training on the Conway or the Worcester. The remuneration offered varies, and is usually about £40 for the four years, provided that the indentures are satisfactorily completed. In some firms a premium is required and this is returned when the service is completed, or is forfeited in case of desertion. With these arrangements there is little fault to find, and the sea life makes such an appeal to the youth of the country that the majority of firms have a considerable waiting list.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

But, unfortunately, shipowners do not regard their responsibilities in the manner that they should. In many cases there is not the slightest attempt to educate the boy in the calling which he has elected to follow, and the result is that many lads when they have completed their four years at sea must go through a course of cramming at some nautical school before they can hope to pass their second-mate's examination, which they must do before they can rise any higher in their profession. The average lad who decides upon a seafaring career is not, as a rule, good mathematician, and the result of four years' rusting is that he often finds the knowledge of mathematics he acquired at school has left him. If the nautical crammer can coach him up he may scrape through his examination, but if he fails he has nothing before him but to go to sea as an A.B., an eventuality which his parents or guardians certainly never contemplated.

The percentage of failures of time-expired apprentices and others who sit for the second-mate's examination is about fifty, and the distressing feature of it is that many of the young men who are plucked have little or no chance of subsequently passing the test. If the shipowners saw to it that the lads had opportunity for study under supervision this condition of things would not arise.

CHEAP LABOUR.

By their negligence many owners certainly lay themselves open to the charge that they simply regard the apprentice as cheap labour. He is employed to clean brass and paint-work, to shift coals, and generally to do the work of an ordinary seaman. He does, it is true, pick up much which will be of service to him. He learns, for example, how to perform his trick at the wheel, but any attempt to teach him navigation or the use of nautical instruments is too frequently conspicuous by its absence. In some firms the practice is to sign on an apprentice during, say, the third or fourth year of his service as a quartermaster and to pay him extra. This, although regarded favourably by the lads themselves, as it gives them more pocket-money, is hardly fair to the A.B.'s, who look upon the work of a quartermaster as one of the plums to which they have the right to aspire. It must be remembered too that the supply of apprentices exceeds the vacancies for junior officers, so that there can be no guarantee of employment as officer when the indentures are completed.

It frequently happens that a boy who has put in two years at sea, finding himself short of pocket-money, thinks it to his advantage to desert and secure the wages of a sailor. There is thus a steady recruitment of the ranks of seamen from the apprentices who joined the sea service with the aim of rising to the higher grades of their profession. This would not occur if the apprenticeship system were not abused. It is, perhaps, only fair to point out that the average owner leaves the matter of the instruction of apprentices to his captain, and they, in their turn, purfectorily delegate it to their officers, with the result that what is everybody's business is nobody's, and the apprentice who joined the service with high hopes finds that he has no better chance of a rise in his calling than if he had commenced his long-going career as a mere deck boy. Parents before indenturing their lads to the sea would do well to inquire what

STORY OF THE FLOOD.

INTERESTING FINDS IN THE EAST.

Many interesting sidelights on the civilisation of the world 4,000 years before Christ, and on the corroboration that has been discovered of the Bible narrative of the Deluge, were given by Miss Claire Gaudet, lecturer and examiner in art to the London County Council, in a lecture she delivered at the British Museum on the discoveries at Nippur. The lecture was the first of a series of twenty on recent excavations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Mediterranean showing the evolution of architecture from the Fourth Millennium B.C. to Roman and Early Christian times.

A large part of the lecture was devoted to the discovery by the American excavators shortly before the war of 34,000 tablets (or clay documents) at Nippur, the method of teaching singing in the method inherited through her parents from the founder of the Garcia "dynasty," who took the first opera company from Europe to the United States.

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PORTER AS RING DOCTOR.

BOXING DEATH WARNING.

The inquest was concluded at Poplar on Alfred George Humphreys, 27, of Stepney, who died in hospital after collapsing in the 13th round of a boxing match with Fred Archer, of St. George's-in-the-East.

Jack Solomons said that he was head porter at the London Jewish Hospital. He was not a medical man. He examined Humphreys before he went into the ring.

Dr. Guthrie, the Coroner: Did you use a stethoscope?—Yes.

Had you any training?—Yes, with the British Red Cross under Italian and British officers. I was an anaesthetist and assistant surgeon in the field.

He added that he had never been to a medical school or said that he was a qualified medical practitioner. The boxers used to call him "Doctor," as he used to dress their wounds.

Mr. Rutherford (for the relatives of the dead man): Did you ever hear Mr. Morris, one of the promoters, to believe you were a qualified medical man?—No, not to my knowledge.

Joseph Morris said that Solomons attended the contests as medical attendant, and he acted as such without pay.

Dr. Guthrie: Did Solomons ever tell you he was a properly qualified man?—Yes, he did.

Had you known he was not you would not have engaged him?—No.

Archer, who said that his real name was Mark Argebaud, gave his account of the fight. There was no ill-feeling between them.

Dr. Guthrie said that Solomons had sailed very near the wind and had better abandoned his occupation of attending contests and acting as a medical man.

The jury returned a verdict of Death by Misadventure, adding that no one was to blame.

Arrangements are likely to be made for his professional education. If these were done much dissatisfaction and disappointment both to the boy and his guardians might be prevented.

PRINCE AND PETS.

AMBITIONS AS A SMALL BOY.

TO STOP THE CUTTING OF PUPPIES' TAILS.

There is something good in every page of the *Singer's Pilgrimage* (Grant Richards, 1881), in which Mme. Blanche Marchesi reviews a long career in the art of teaching singing in the method inherited through her parents from the founder of the Garcia "dynasty," who took the first opera company from Europe to the United States.

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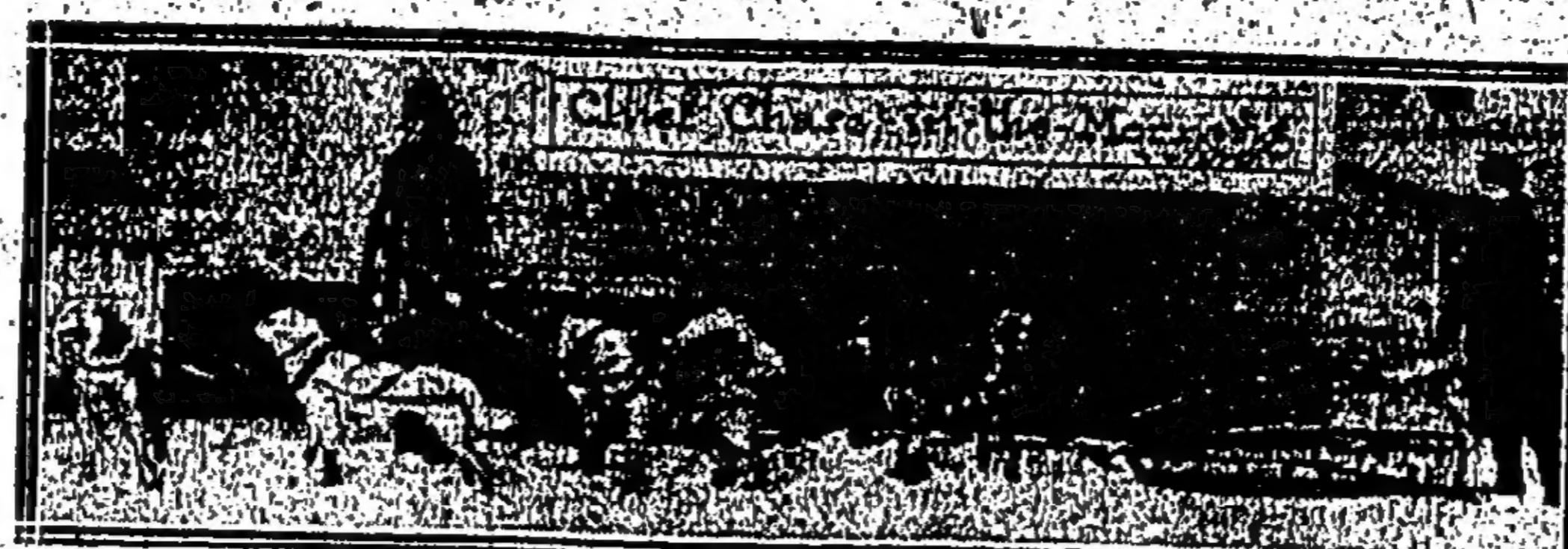
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Married only two months, Le Roy McKinney was sent to jail for life for the murder of a policeman in a hold-up. His wife never gave up hope and worked night and day for his release. Now, after serving five months in prison, he has returned to his bride, the real murderer, conscience-stricken, having confessed the crime and received the life sentence.

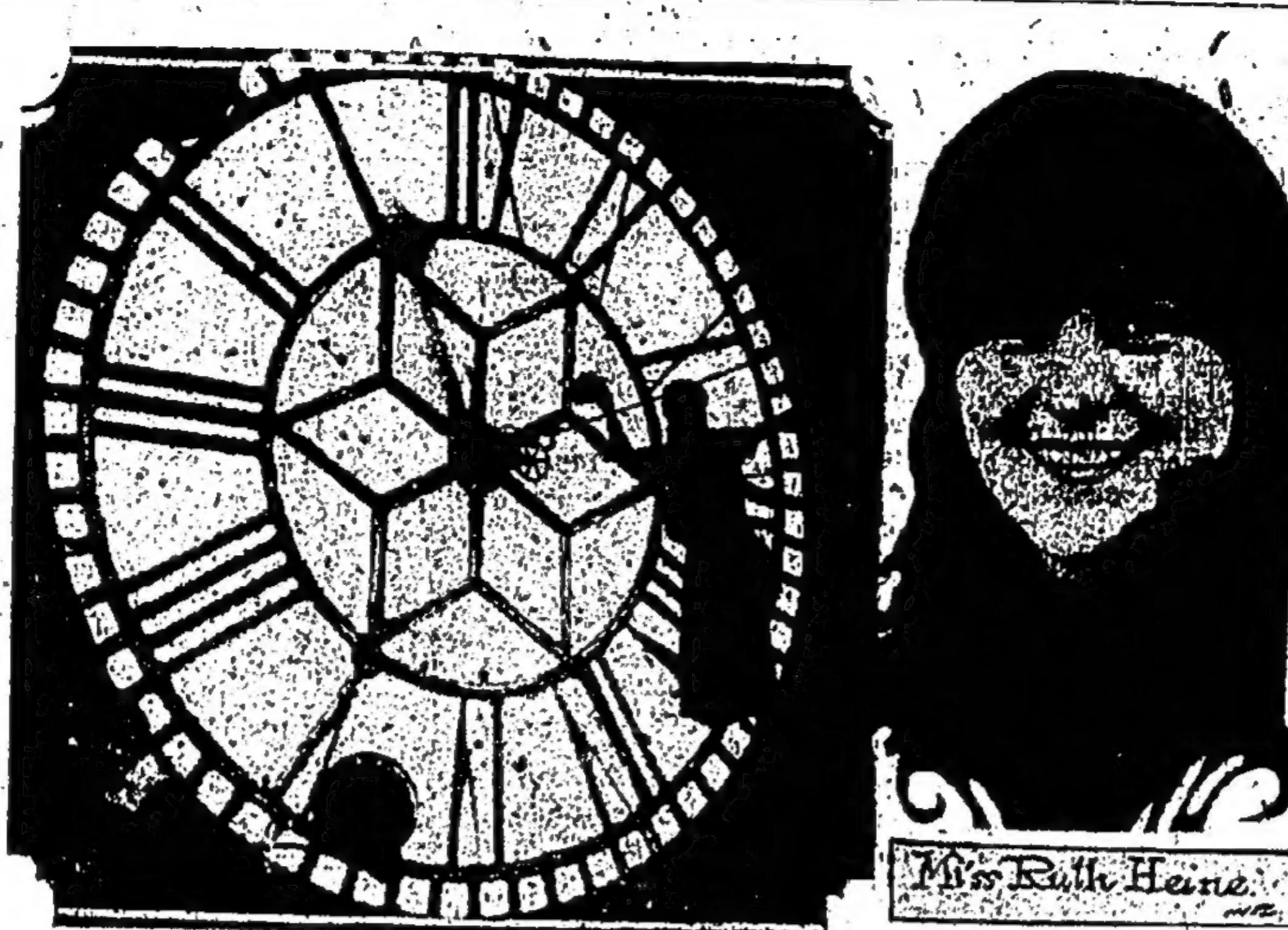


Mrs. Mabel Willibrandt.

When Mrs. Mabel Willibrandt was named United States Assistant Attorney General, there was keen resentment among the male personnel, for she was the first woman to hold the post. This resentment vanished, however, when she showed her great ability. It was she upon whom Attorney General Daugherty called to write the famous opinion which ruled liquor off every ship entering an American port. Now, during the protracted illness of the Attorney General, she is practically running the department and is virtually the Acting Attorney General of the United States.



Chief Chase-in-the-Morning, an Indian dog-driver and a line patrolman braved heavy snowstorms to repair broken wires and restore electric current to the beleaguered cities in Minnesota that had been isolated by great blizzards.



Miss Ruth Heine, who likes climbing into dangerous places, decided the other day that the city's clock needed cleaning. Here she is seen on one of the hands of a great clock.



Mr. & Mrs. Roma Roberts and Mr. & Mrs. Stella Kidd.

Roma and Stella are little twin sisters. They weigh 785 and 710 pounds, respectively.



Drove her dogs 25 miles through the blizzard in a two hours and a half race. "If I had had good dogs this year I would have won," she said. "I'll have them alright next year."



William H. Anderson, Head of the Anti-Saloon League, is the central figure in the important investigations, by the District Attorney one into charges that he forced his wife to split their commissions with him, and the other into charges that the Anti-Saloon League is a political body and should, therefore, be compelled to make public its accounts, about which there has been much secrecy. The Rockefellers, who formerly practically supported the League, have withdrawn financial support from it and have demanded that Anderson publish complete account. Frank E. Cartwright, brought about the second investigation, through his attorney Colonel Ranson Gillette. Cartwright alleges that he was beaten for the Assembly by the influence of the League. Ex-State Senator Brackett is Anderson's attorney.

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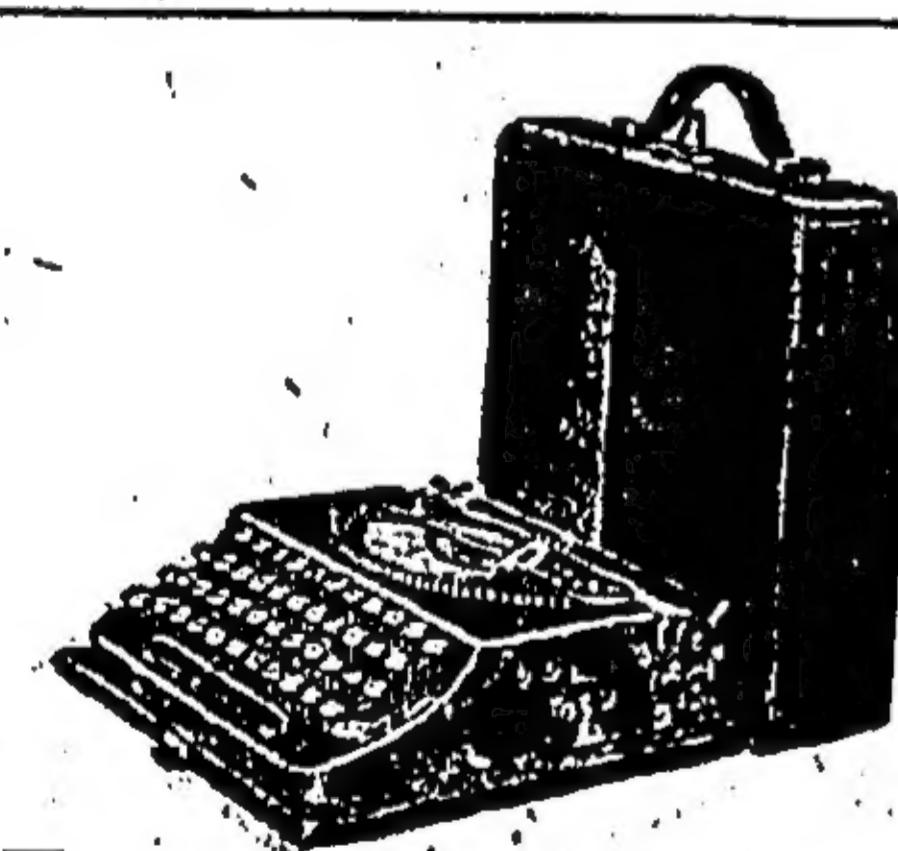
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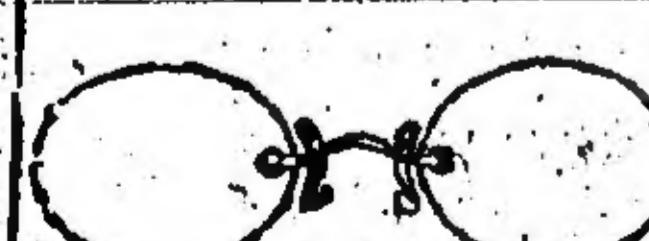


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